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SUBJ: UNP LEADER ACCUSES SOVIETS OF INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL
POLITICAL AFFAIRS

1. ACCORDING TO JUNE 6 LOCAL PRESS, J. R. JAYEWARDENA, PRESIDENT OF UNITED NATIONAL PARTY (UNP), HAS SENT LETTERS OF PROTEST TO BREZHNEV AND KOSYGIN, WITH A COPY TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR HERE, RAFIK N. NISHANOV, CHARGING THAT THE SOVIETS ARE INTERFERING IN SRI LANKA'S INTERNAL POLITICS. THE UNP PUBLICATION, THE JOURNAL, OF JUNE 3 CARRIED THE SAME ACCUSATIONS.

2. BASIS OF JAYEWARDENA'S WRATH IS THAT CEYLON DAILY NEWS (CDN) OVER PAST MONTH OR SO HAS BEEN CARRYING SCATHING ARTICLES ATTACKING THE UNP AND HIM PERSONALLY. HE ALLEGES THAT THIS IS BEING MASTERMINDED OUT OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY'S INFORMATION OFFICE, IMPLYING THAT JACOB S. VOSKOBOINIKOV (FIRST SECRETARY
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FOR COFORMATION) IS THE CULPRIT. JAYEWARDENA NOTES THAT S. PATHIRAVITANA, AN EDITOR OF THE CDN IS A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF NOVOSTI, AND BASIL PEREREA, WHO WRITES A POLITICAL COLUMN CARRED STRYX, WERE EMPLOYED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND CLAIMS THAT THEY STILL ARE.

3. PATHIRAVITANA WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY NOVOSTI AND WAS

MOVED IN AS AN EDITOR OF THE CDN UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY/MOSCOW'S LEADER PIETER KEUNEMAN. PERERA WAS
ALSO EMPLOYED BY THE SOVIETS IN THE INFORMATION OFFICE AND IS
RUMORED TO WORK THERE STILL.
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